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City of Milwaukee Health Department Increases Surveillance to Track Salmonella Cases Linked to Peanut Butter

The City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) has been alerted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Food and Drug Administration and WI Department of Health and Family Services about a multi-state outbreak involving Salmonella infections linked to the Peter Pan and Great Value brand peanut butter. The CDC has linked 288 cases of illness in 39 states including Wisconsin to consumption of peanut butter. The FDA has issued a recall alert regarding jars of peanut butter with a product code beginning with "2111" located on the lid of the jars.

"At this time, we have no confirmed reports of salmonella cases linked to this outbreak in Milwaukee, said Commissioner of Health Bevan K. Baker. "Consumers should not stop eating peanut butter due to this recent investigation—only Peter Pan and Great Value brands with product code "2111" are implicated."

The MHD has provided alert messaging to local area hospitals, emergency departments, laboratories and other local health departments. In Milwaukee, Individuals who have consumed the contaminated peanut butter and are experiencing salmonella-like symptoms, which include fever, diarrhea and abdominal cramps, should call their primary-care physician and the Milwaukee Health Department.

For more information on salmonella visit www.milwaukee.gov/health